(d) the total loss incurred as a result of such export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not decided to export old wheat and rice to foreign countries from the Central Pool.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir. Issue of fresh allocation of wheat and rice for export purposes from Central Pool has been stopped with effect from 11.08.2003.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Foodgrain Export Policy

4679. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the new foodgrain export policy;

(b) whether the States have been consulted while framing this policy; and

(c) the steps taken to boost export of foodgrains subject to domestic demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) Anew foodgrain export policy is at an advanced stage of consideration of the Government.

Availability of wheat at ration shops

4680. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that goods especially wheat is not reaching properly to Governmental ration shops, which adversely affects the life of general people at large; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken by Government to maintain timely delivery; and

(c) the details of Governmental ration shops operating in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The implementation of Targeted Public Distribution System